



## News Release

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### **Hazard Tree Clearing Beginning along Wyoming Highway 230**

**(LARAMIE, WY. - November 14, 2011)** – Motorists driving on Wyoming Highway 230 between Woods Landing, Wyoming and the Colorado border are advised to be alert for flaggers and machinery. A logging contractor will be felling and removing dead and dying trees near the roadway.

Work is being done to clear dead and dying trees that could impact the highway as well as trees that could damage the highway right-of-way fence. A damaged fence poses the danger of cattle getting loose on the roadway. In this first phase, work will be completed in the Fox Park area between mileposts 31.6 and 42.

The mountain pine beetle epidemic in southeastern Wyoming has resulted in the death of mature pine trees along portions of Wyoming Highways 70, 130, 230, 210, and Interstate 80. Lodgepole pine is the primary tree species affected in the Wyoming Highway 230 corridor. Beetle-killed trees that are at risk of falling due to rotting roots are becoming a safety hazard to forest and highway users alike.

Work will continue through the winter until spring conditions become too wet. Work is anticipated to resume in the fall of 2012. This project is being done in partnership between the Medicine Bow National Forest and the Wyoming Department of Transportation.

For more information on this project contact Kit Westbrook with WYDOT at 745-2123, or Sara Alberts with the Laramie Ranger District at 745-2338.

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